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AAUW is open to graduates who hold the associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified college or university.

The Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch of AAUW supports the full range of the AAUW mission through its monthly program meetings, special interest groups, and public outreach events, by engaging in social action, collaborating with local organizations and educational institutions regarding AAUW topics, and supporting area young women and girls directly. We are one of five branches in the St. Louis, MO, area that comprise the AAUW Metro St Louis Inter-branch Council (IBC).

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**KIRKWOOD-WEBSTER GROVES
BRANCH MEETING**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**5 PM—MEET AND EAT AT ST. LOUIS
BREAD COMPANY/PANERA**

**IN THE GALLERIA on Level 1 near Nordstrom
(314-725-4237)**

6:30 PM—Doors Open

**7:00 PM—Film Screening of *THE JANES*
at the Ethical Society of St. Louis, 9001 Clayton Road**

- ⇒ **Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test** within 24 hours must be shown at the door.
- ⇒ The movie is free but no walk-ins
- ⇒ **Registration required**—<https://conta.cc/3QrT38F>
- ⇒ Registration deadline is Monday, September 12th.
- ⇒ **A shuttle ride** will be available if you want to park at the Ethical Society building before meeting at Panera. Let Jeanne know ahead of time.



In the spring of 1972, police raided an apartment on the South Side of Chicago. Seven women were arrested and charged. The accused were part of a clandestine network. Using code names, blindfolds, and safe houses to protect their identities and their work, **they built an underground service for women seeking safe, affordable, illegal abortions.** They called themselves Jane. Now that we live in a post-Roe world, *The Janes* helps us envision the enormous potential for collective action to ensure abortion access.

Prior to the screening, award-winning journalist **Charles Jaco** will give a brief introduction and at the conclusion of the film, **Stacey Newman** of ProgressWomen will provide information on how you can take action to support access to abortion.

Registration Required • No Walk Ins • Vaccination Card or Negative Test Required
Free • Doors @ 6:30 • Movie @ 7
Contact: Jen Bernstein • jbernstein@ncjwstl.org

REGISTER HERE

<https://conta.cc/3QrT38F>





Jeanne

From Co-President Jeanne Webdell

Recently I was looking at characteristics that parents should try to develop and encourage in their children. There are all kinds of lists by a variety of organizations and people. The lists vary slightly, but all have something like perseverance, resilience, or grit in common. I think we can agree that those qualities are so im-

portant for our personal lives and our careers.

Right now I think we need to call on these qualities to deal with what is happening in the world today. Do you feel the same way I do? I feel like we were in the race for rights for women, and we won one of the races. Then someone said that the race wasn't run properly, and we will need to run it again under these new rules.

Well, I think we are up to it. Our AAUW branch and the state and national organizations are working hard to keep and expand opportunities for women. AAUW at all levels is providing support through advocacy, education, and research (and encouragement).

There are things we can do. Plant a "Your Vote is Your Voice" sign in your yard. Sign up for the Two-Minute Activist at the national website (<https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>) and follow up with their emails. Sign up to work for Greentree and talk to community people. Invite a friend to our September or October meetings. And more.

The rules were switched on us, but we don't give up! We have perseverance, resilience and grit! We have each other.

Jeanne

per·se·ver·ance, persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

grit, courage and resolve; strength of character.

re-sil-i-ence, the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness. the ability of a substance or object to spring back into shape; elasticity.



Marsha

AAUW Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

AAUW Vision: Equity for all.

AAUW Values: Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and intersectionality.

BOOTH WORKERS NEEDED!

GREENTREE FESTIVAL —

September 16, 17 & 18
Kirkwood Park

(Details in last month's newsletter.)

Some of our helpers in 2021

The annual Greentree Festival booth tabling event is an opportunity for our branch to fundraise for our STEM scholarships and inform the public of our efforts for equity for all people. The display is issues-oriented for those who stop by.

We will ask visitors to share where they see inequities in their community. There will be a special display that allows people to vote for their choice of the three top issues facing women today.

Staffing will begin at 9:00 am and continue to 5:00 pm on Saturday and from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm on Sunday. It's a fun time. The booth has chairs and a canopy. Parking passes will be shared.

We look for 2-hour shifts but will take more time if you have it available.

Contact Kay Meyer or Jeanne Webdell if you have questions or would like to sign up to help out.



The Kirkwood High School National Honor Society is scheduled again to help us with set up and take down.



← Left: Lynne Roney staffs the booth in 2021.

→ Right: A woman marks her choices.





OCTOBER BRANCH MEETING

Nancy Price of the League of Women Voters will present at the October branch meeting, where she will focus on the issues facing voters on the November 8 ballot.

There are five initiatives on that general election ballot:

- The legalization of marijuana.
- Changes to the way the state treasurer invests money.
- A requirement to have Kansas City spend more money on their police department.
- A rewrite of the State constitution.
- Make the Missouri National Guard a stand-alone agency instead of under the Dept of Public Safety.

The community will be invited to our meeting on Thursday, October 20, at the Webster Groves Public Library. Watch for more details in the October newsletter.



Equality is everyone getting a pair of shoes.



Diversity is everyone getting a different type of shoe.



Equity is everyone getting a pair of shoes that fits.



Acceptance is understanding we all wear different kinds of shoes.



Belonging is wearing the shoes you want without fear of judgment.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR BARBARA LACKRITZ AWARD

The Interbranch Council of St. Louis area AAUW branches is asking for nominations for the Barbara Lackritz annual service award. Each IBC branch can select a member to receive this award. The honorees will be acknowledged at the annual IBC spring luncheon in March of 2023. Please submit your nomination to Jeanne Webdell at 573.754.0943 or Jeannewebdell@gmail.com. With your nomination, please include a few sentences about your nominee. The criteria to consider are as follows:

1. Upholds the mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.
2. Provides service to AAUW at any of the local, state, regional, or national level(s).
3. Provides leadership to AAUW at any of the local, state, regional or national level(s).
4. Provides service and leadership in non-AAUW areas in the community, religious, professional, and/or political arenas.

Nominations should be submitted by **October 31, 2022**. The award is named after Barbara Lackritz, who served as a leader and mentor for AAUW members. Barbara was a member of K-WG, as well as Creve Coeur and Ballwin-Chesterfield branches.

In 2022 Jeanne Webdell from our branch received the award. Other winners from K-WG were Jean Shull (2005), Ella Bettinger (2006), Carol Davis McDonald (2007), Lynne Roney (2009), Deb McWard (2015), Kay Meyer (2017), and Marsha Koch (2019).

"Whenever you are blue or lonely or stricken by some humiliating thing you did, the cure and the hope is in caring about other people."

- Diane Sawyer



Southern Pecan Carmel Cake
12 servings

Ingredients:

- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 1/2 cup Crisco,
- 2 cups light brown sugar
- 1 cup white sugar
- 5 eggs
- 1 cup Schermer pecans, chopped fine
- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon Kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Caramel Glaze:

- 1/4 cup unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/3 cup whipping cream
- 1 cup powdered sugar, sifted
- 1 cup pecans, chopped

Directions:

1. Spray tube or bundt pan with baking spray and flour. Preheat oven

to 350° F.

2. Cream together butter and Crisco, mix until fluffy, add in brown and white sugar slowly. add in eggs, one at a time. Beat for 3 minutes.

3. In a separate bowl mix together dry ingredients. Add dry ingredients to butter mixture, alternating with milk until all ingredients are incorporated, do not over mix. Stir in pecans.

4. Bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes, do not open door. Test for doneness with wooden pick until comes out clean. Once the toothpick is clean, remove from oven and tap on counter 3 to 4 times, rest in pan for 30 minutes. Next, invert on wire rack and cool for an additional 15 minutes. Remove from pan and allow to fully cool.

5. For glaze, place butter, brown sugar and cream in saucepan, place over medium heat. Bring to boil and stir constantly. Remove from heat and whisk in sifted powdered sugar. Let glaze sit for 15 minutes, whisk and spoon over cake. Garnish with chopped pecans.

Note: One time when I was testing this recipe I did not have milk and used heavy cream, the result was delicious.

This recipe would be a perfect ending to a wonderful meal of [Braised Short Ribs](#). How about a [Bourbon Hot Toddy](#) with your cake.

This recipe is intended to inspire you to purchase, eat, bake, and cook with pecans, thereby supporting our annual pecan fundraiser!

Every September and October we take orders. The pecans arrive in mid-November. We then arrange pick-up and drop-off options.

Please send your order to Carol per the order form that accompanies this newsletter. Also, please make extra copies of the order form and check with your family and friends to see if they would be willing to support us as well.

And this year, after five years of remaining the same, our price has NOT gone up. Thank you for your order(s)!

K-WG: <http://kwg-mo.aauw.net>

IBC: <http://stlouis-ibc.aauw.net>

State: www.aauw-mo.aauw.net

National: www.aauw.org

Facebook: AAUWKWG - Click [here](#) to join our FB group

Mark Your Calendar

- Sep 8 Mom's equal pay day
- Sep 13 [Work Smart salary-negotiation training](#)
- Sep 15 Branch meeting (Meet the Janes)
- Sep 15-Oct 15 Hispanic Heritage Month
- Sep 16-18 Greentree Festival, Kirkwood Park
- Sep 21 Black Women's equal pay day
- Sep 22 Adelante book group, 1:30 pm, via Zoom
- Sep 26 Movie Group (*Don't Look Up*) via Zoom
- Oct 20 Pecan order deadline
- Branch meeting (ballot initiatives)
- Oct 31 Lackritz Award submission deadline
- Nov 17 KWG Branch meeting 7:00 pm via Zoom
- Nov 22 IBC meeting, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Join the Movie Group



AAUW St. Louis has a movie group on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to join. Nancy Hutchins, Becky Clausen, and Carol Davis McDonald have already participated. If you would like to join, let Carol know so a Zoom link can be emailed to you. Each of us watches a selected movie on Netflix. The movie is then discussed by the group. The next movie is ***Don't Look Up* on September 26**. Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo will lead the discussion.

AAUW METRO ST LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

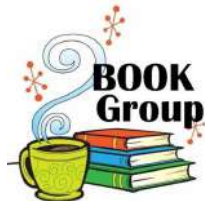
KWG is **one of the five branches** that form the AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council, more commonly known as IBC. They meet 4 times a year, some virtually and some in person. Each branch is allowed 3 voting delegates, and historically the officers of each branch have served as those delegates.

The purpose of IBC is to foster cooperation among member branches and to financially support programs and projects and to open channels of communication among branches for the sharing of ideas and interests.

The next IBC meeting is at 7 p.m. on November 22, 2022, via ZOOM. The website is <https://stlouis-ibc.aauw.net/>.

IBC ¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

This group meets in September, October, and January through May to discuss books written from diverse perspectives.



Where: Currently via Zoom
 When: 1:30 pm the 4th Thursday of the month in September, October, January, February, March, April, May
 Contact: Contact Deb McWard (314-607-2908) for sign-up. Send suggestions for book selection titles/authors to Teri Brecht tebrecht@yahoo.com.

- Sep 22 *Eternal*, by Lisa Scottoline; national Hispanic heritage (480 p); Jayne Kastens, facilitator
- Oct 27 *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*, by Mitch Albom; national disability employment awareness (288 p); Betty Takahashi, facilitator
- Jan 26 *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family*, by Robert Kolker; national mentoring (400 p); Jan Barrett, facilitator
- Feb 23 *Jackie, Janet & Lee: Secret Lives of Janet Auchincloss and Her Daughters*, by J. Randy Taraborrelli; black history (528 p); Deb McWard, facilitator
- Mar 23 *The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story*, by Hyeonseo Lee (Lee Hyeonseo) with John David; women's history (320 p); Carol Davis McDonald, facilitator
- Apr 27 *The Bookshop of the Broken Hearted*, by Robert Hillman; sexual assault awareness (304 p); Teri Brecht or Karen Francis, facilitator
- May 25 *This Tender Land: A Novel*, by William Kent Krueger; Asian-Pacific American heritage; Lynne Roney, facilitator

Metro St. Louis Branch Programs

Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch will start off the 2022-2023 with their annual fall brunch on Thursday, September 8. They have a new meeting location: the Ballwin Golf Course Events Facility at 333 Holloway Road in Ballwin. The kickoff will feature a box lunch and games for fun.

Ferguson-Florissant Branch—no information.

Saint Charles Branch started off the year on September 1 with a special guest: Sue Shineman, immediate past president of AAUW of Missouri, speaking on diversity. Betty Takahashi spoke about banned books.

St. Louis Branch will have an open house on October 9, hosted by Jan Scott at her home, featuring snacks, games, branch orientation, project updates, and proposed projects.

Nicole Evelina

(a/k/a Niki Burgdorf)

Best-selling *USA TODAY* Author

Stories of strong women from history and today

Niki is a K-WG Branch member. We thought you might be interested in knowing her engagement schedule:

- ◇ October 14-17, Chicago, IL, Midwest Popular Culture Association Conference. Nicole will present a paper, *Sex and the City: Feminist or Faux*, based on her forthcoming book, *Sex and the City: A Cultural History*.
- ◇ November 19, Noon-2 pm, Webster Groves. Book launch party, *Sex and the City: A Cultural History*.
- ◇ **March 18, AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council spring luncheon** (location TBD). Nicole will speak about her new book on Virginia and Francis Minor, as well as how she got into writing about forgotten women of history and why it is important to tell women's history.
- ◇ March 28, Ladue, Tuesday Women's Association of the Ethical Society of St. Louis. Nicole will speak about the lives of Virginia and Francis Minor as chronicled in her new book, *America's Forgotten Suffragists: Virginia and Francis Minor*.

Subscribe to Niki's blog via email:
nicole.evelina@att.net

Programs of Interest

National Council of Jewish Women-St. Louis

September Lunch & Learn: Legal Missouri and Other Ballot Initiatives

When: Thursday, September 15 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

Legal MO, the initiative that would legalize marijuana for personal use for those 21 years old or older and allow individuals convicted of non-violent marijuana-related offenses to petition to be released from incarceration and/or have their records expunged will be on the ballot in November. What does this mean?

Recent research shows that Black people are 2.6 times more likely than whites to be arrested for marijuana possession in Missouri. And marijuana possession arrests during that same time period accounted for 50 percent of all drug arrests in Missouri, placing the state just outside the nation's Top 10 for the highest cannabis possession arrest rates.

To help illustrate the issue further, NCJWSTL is teaming up with JCRC to welcome John Payne, Campaign Manager of Legal MO and Sharon Geuea Jones, the founding member of the Jones Advocacy Group. Payne graduated with a degree in history from Washington University in Saint Louis in 2005. In 2018, he managed the successful campaign to legalize medical marijuana in Missouri. As an attorney and lobbyist, Geuea Jones has advocated on behalf of her clients in the Missouri General Assembly, at the ballot box and in the courts since 2002. In conjunction with the Missouri NAACP and the Missouri Educational Equity Partnership, she is leading the "Let Them Learn" coalition in Jefferson City.

Questions? Email or call Jen Bernstein (jberntein@ncjwstl.org 314.993.5181).



Midterms Matter: Advocacy and Education for the November Election

Thursday, September 8, 7 p.m.

Join us in-person at The Center of Clayton or on Zoom

[Registration is required; please register here!](#)

Christine Dragonette, MSW, Director of Social Ministry, St. Francis Xavier College Church

Michele Steinberg, Membership Director, Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice

Voting is both a right and a responsibility. Black citizens, women and other vulnerable groups struggled to get the right to vote and continue to fight barriers to voter participation. Missouri's new 2022 law, HB 1878, presents grave challenges to voters and to those who register people to vote. Michele Steinberg, will describe these challenges. Christine Dragonette will share information about assisting individuals to obtain valid IDs. Ruth Ehresman, Women's Voices Board member, will explain ways that Women's Voices members can participate in protecting the vote in the critically important November election.

F.Y.I.

To view past AAUW webinars, go to aauw.org, click on the search button (the magnifying glass), type in "webinars" in the search textbox, and press the Enter key. All saved webinars will be listed with descriptions. Click on the one you want to view.

Another way to find AAUW webinars and videos, is to go the youtube.org, click on the search button, type in "AAUW" in the search textbox, and press the Enter key.

"Cautious, careful people, always casting about to preserve their reputations can never effect a reform."

"It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union... Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less."

- [Susan B. Anthony](#)

AAUW Updates, July 2022

Susan Barley, National Liaison

Susan Barley is a member of Ballwin-Chesterfield, St. Louis, and Greater Naples (FL) branches. She is also our national liaison on the state board. She has provided the following information.

Policy and Programs

The June 23 webinar celebrating the **50th Anniversary of Title IX** is now available on the website. <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/webinars/>

AAUW is welcoming the **2022-23 class of fellows and grantees**—the largest class in AAUW's history—320 awardees receiving \$6 million. I am working on Missouri's list of recipients sponsored by Missouri endowments. It will be sent to AAUW Fund branch chairs and the Missouri board.

AAUW **STEMEd for Girls** completed their 5th session a couple of weeks ago, with girls and their caregivers receiving an outstanding program focusing on physics from staff and fellows/grantees serving as AAUW STEM Ambassadors. Next up... technology! Read more about it on the AAUW website. <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/stemed-for-girls/>

The Programs Team is excited to launch the Yr4 **Coca-Cola Foundation Grant** to continue the work with HBCUs (Historical Black Colleges and Universities) and MSIs (Minority Serving Institutions). AAUW also received an invitation to attend the Coca-Cola Community Engagement Summit in Atlanta in the fall for an opportunity to share impact, perspectives, and collaborative potential.

Be sure to read **AAUW's statement** strongly condemning the U.S. Supreme Court's Opinion on **Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization**. Keep up to date with policies, press releases, and media statements that can be found on the website.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/news/media/press-releases/aauw-statement-strongly-condemning-the-u-s-supreme-courts-opinion-on-dobbs-v-jackson-womens-health>

New Survey: How Student Debt Ties to Racial Equity

Our new survey of more than 1,500 women in New York City found that white women who attend college are much more likely to receive financial help from family than Black or Hispanic women who attend college. Moreover, Black women and Hispanic women are far more likely to pay for school with federal student loans than white women (43%, 41% and 28%, respectively).

Information from connect@aauw.org

AAUW Log In: my.aauw.org to join/renew/give and manage your personal account with AAUW online!

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Advocacy

For Public Policy, please email advocacy@aauw.org or call 202.785.7793. Become a Two-Minute Activist

Donate to AAUW

- Online: <https://my.aauw.org/donation-product-detail>
- By Mail: AAUW, Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045
- Contribution Report Form (CRF) states/branches: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/contribution-report-form-crf/>
- IRA gifts and stock gifts

Dues/Join

- Membership Categories Rate FY23 July 1-June 30
- National Membership * \$67 /Yearly
- Lifetime Membership ** \$1,340/one time
- Graduate Student *** \$18.81/\$0
- Student Associate *** \$18.81/\$0

(*) All but \$3 of the annual dues are tax deductible.

(**) Fully tax deductible.

(***) All but \$2 of the annual fees are tax deductible and free for students of AAUW College/University member schools.

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Fellowships and Grants

Applications open August 1st, <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>

Help: aauw@applyists.com; 866.795.4892, M-F, 8-5pm, CT

Membership Benefits

- For individual members: <https://www.aauw.org/membership/benefits/>
- For college/university faculty/staff and students

Programs

- **Start Smart:** Email salary@aauw.org
- **Work Smart Online:** Register at <https://salary.aauw.org/> for our FREE negotiation training!

The URL to re-subscribe to AAUW (if you're not receiving our emails) is https://secure.everyaction.com/p/8fvkDOF_gkmwvUN5RDy1tw2

Apply for a Fellowship or Grant

Spread the word: The submission period for the 2023-24 [AAUW Fellowships and Grants](#) is open. Application deadlines run from November to December 2022. Follow in the footsteps of award-winning authors, scientists, scholars, change makers and community leaders. The exceptional recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.

Support the *Pregnant Workers Fairness Act*

The *Pregnant Workers Fairness Act* would require employers to make reasonable accommodations to protect the health of pregnant workers, such as letting them carry bottles of water or take restroom breaks. This critical legislation passed the House of Representatives more than a year ago, but it continues to stall in the Senate. [Tell our leaders](#) that pregnant workers cannot wait another day.

Rallying for Reproductive Rights

Being able to choose whether and when to become a parent improves women's well-being and fosters economic security. Learn about AAUW's history and continued advocacy for reproductive rights and how you can join the fight for reproductive freedom with our [newly updated toolkit](#).

A Leading Voice: AAUW in the News

Following President Biden's recent announcement about forgiving federal student loan debt, media outlets everywhere are turning to AAUW as a leading voice on this timely and important issue. AAUW CEO Gloria L. Blackwell wrote an [op-ed](#) published in the *Miami Herald* and spoke with [Good Morning America](#) and [Politico](#) about how Black women are disproportionately burdened by student debt. In addition, AAUW research was cited in [ABC News](#), [CNBC](#), [Time](#), [The Hill](#) and more. You can also check out Blackwell's appearance on the [Power Station podcast](#), where she talks about AAUW's importance in the fight for gender equity.

AAUW DISCOUNTS

Did you know? AAUW members are given discounts by the following organizations. Membership cards can be printed out from the national website (<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/discounts-and-perks/>).

Insurance

- Geico – auto insurance discount
- LTC Global – long term care insurance
- Nationwide Pet Insurance – 5%+ discount

Travel

- Hotel Engine – private hotel-booking platform
- Collette Tours – 160 tours on seven continents
- Cruises Only – America's largest cruise company
- TNT Vacations – 900 Destinations
- Car rentals – Dollar Car Rental, Avis, Thrifty, Budget

Other Discounts and Services

- IE University – scholarships
- Office Depot/Office Max – save up to 75%
- Constant Contact -- Marketing advisors
- Free Prescription Savings Card – up to 55% savings
- UPS -- mailing discounts
- Shop AAUW